

# RESEARCHER ACT

**Relieving Economic Strain to Enhance American Resilience  
& Competitiveness in Higher Education & Research**

## WHAT THEY ARE SAYING

"Graduate and postdoctoral researchers are overlooked in the greater context of higher education, especially financially. The National Association of Graduate and Professional Students (NAGPS) endorses this bill to highlight and research this issue; as to provide a pathway to stipends and greater financial stability for these student and researcher populations."

**The National Association of Graduate-Professional Students**

"Graduate and postdoctoral researchers play a significant role in the scientific enterprise and their financial compensation should reflect their abilities, skills, and educational achievements. To foster a diverse, innovative, and competitive scientific workforce, we must provide appropriate and equal pay, a supportive culture, and a pathway for growth. The Association for Women in Science applauds Representative McClellan for her leadership in ensuring that graduate and postdoctoral researchers are compensated fairly."

**Meredith Gibson, CEO, Association for Women in Science**

"As the national voice of the postdoctoral community, the National Postdoctoral Association endorses the RESEARCHER Act as it will shed a spotlight on the financial well-being of postdocs of all disciplines and drive federal policies to address fiscal shortcomings in this vulnerable population."

**Tom Kimbis, Executive Director & CEO, National Postdoctoral Association**

"The financial stress and lack of institutional support early-career researchers face harm our ability to advance knowledge. It also prevents those without existing socioeconomic benefits from continuing in their careers. The RESEARCHER Act addresses this growing instability among early-career researchers. This act creates more equitable access to credentialing in Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and related fields. These fields usually require advanced degrees and a return to university-designated trainee status for individuals with bachelor's degrees, work experience, or even a Master's degree. This bill will support these passionate, highly-trained individuals so that they can advance our country's leadership in science and innovation."

**National Science Policy Network**